CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	couch03
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1900042.003
Medium:	Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Waitakere District Court
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	28 February 2019
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	No notice of decision has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The image file depicts a nude boy who is an older child. He is strongly sexualised by the way he has been photographed to focus the viewer's attention on his immature physical and sexual development. The image is classified as objectionable because it exploits the nudity of children to such a degree that its availability is likely to be injurious to the public good. An objectionable classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression as set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, but is a reasonable limitation on that right in order to prevent injury to the public good.